



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 16-150

September 8, 2016

Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for review and approval of its basic service costs adder rate adjustment for effect December 1, 2016.

On September 1, 2016, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil (“Company”) filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”), its annual basic service costs adder (“BSCA”) rate adjustment and reconciliation filing. The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 16-150.

The Company proposes to recover through its BSCA the reconciliation of its electric supply-related costs and revenues from June 2015 through May 2016 and its supply-related forecasted costs from December 2016, through November 2017, which include: (1) cash working capital; (2) bad debt; (3) administration of basic service; (4) conducting the competitive bidding processes; and (5) regulatory compliance.

The Company’s proposed BSCA for all basic service customers for rates effective on and after December 1, 2016 is \$0.00632 per kilowatt-hour (“kWh”), an increase of \$0.00086 per kWh from the current rate. If the Company’s BSCA is approved as proposed, the monthly bill for an average basic service residential customer (i.e., a customer using 600 kWh of electricity per month) will increase by approximately \$0.52, or 0.40 percent, per month. The Company states that the impact for the average customer for each rate class on basic service will range between an increase of 0.2 percent to 0.8 percent depending on class and usage. For specific bill impacts, please contact the Company as shown below.

Any person interested in submitting written comments regarding the Company’s filing must do so not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Monday, November 7, 2016**. One (1) original and one (1) copy of all documents must be delivered to Mark Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 by the date and time referenced above. One (1) copy of all documents also must be sent to counsel for the Company, Gary Epler, Esq., Unitil, 6 Liberty Lane West, Hampton, New Hampshire 03842.

All documents should also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@state.ma.us and the hearing officer [sarah.smegal@state.ma.us]; or (2) on a CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail or CD-ROM

must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 16-150); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website at <http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/bynumber> (enter "16-150").

A copy of the filing is available for public viewing during regular business hours at the Company's offices at 6 Liberty Lane West, Hampton, New Hampshire 03842; and at the Department's offices, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. The filing is also available on the Department's website at:

<http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/bynumber> (enter "16-150"). Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact counsel for the Company, Gary Epler, Esq., Unitil, 6 Liberty Lane West, Hampton, New Hampshire 03842, (603) 773-6440. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact Sarah A. Smegal, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, (617) 305-3500.